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1. - CARTER'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST. - CARTER'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST LEADS FOREIGN NEWS WEDNESDAY. INSIDE, PRENSA RUNS PROMINENTLY BRZEZINSKI-ATHERTON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO TO PREPARE FOR CARTER VISIT, NOTES U.S. PRESENT HAS "DIFFICULT MISSION." NACION STRESSES "EXPECTATION OVER CARTER TRIP" AND "BEGIN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PEACE PROSPECTS." CLARIN FRONTPAGES "CARTER EXPECTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE WITHIN A WEEK," REPEATS HEADLINE INSIDE, REPORTS SADAT'S CHARACTERIZATION OF PRESIDENT'S TRIP AS "A COURAGEOUS ACT". CONVICION EDITORIAL DECLARES THAT UNLESS ISRAEL AND EGYPT REACH AGREEMENT, "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRO-WEST SADAT TEAM WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED. THE THREE BANKED ON THE AGREEMENT AND WERE UNABLE TO PRODUCE IT AT CAMP DAVID; THEREFORE THE NEW ATTEMPT BECOMES DRAMATIC." ADDS THAT "CARTER'S TRIP HAS A COMPARATIVELY SIMPLE OBJECTIVE: TO CLINCH, AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH PERMITS 'PROTECTION' OF THE U.S. OIL SUPPLIES." OPINION INSIDE HEADLINES: "CARTER TRAVELS TO MIDDLE EAST IN A DRAMATIC PEACE MOVE. THE PRESIDENT DISPATCHED HIS ADVISOR SPEARHEADING A POLITICAL OFFENSIVE WHICH INCLUDES A HIGH DOSE OF SELF-DEFENSE." INTRODUCTION TO NEWS COVERAGE SAYS: "IF CARTER SUCCEEDS IN THIS DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING, THIS WILL NO DOUBT BOOST HIS IMAGE AT HOME AND IMPROVE HIS PROSPECTS IN CASE HE FINALLY DECIDES TO SEEK RE-ELECTION. IF HE FAILS, THE OUTCOME COULD BE DISASTROUS FOR HIM." BUENOS AIRES HERALD FRONTPAGES: "CARTER READY TO STAKE PRESIDENCY ON OUTCOME." NACION'S ARDISONE TUESDAY INDICATED THE PRESIDENT DECIDED TO RUSH TO MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE OF THE "SEVERE CRITICISM" LEVELLED AT HIS ADMINISTRATION'S CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY. SAID THAT REPUBLICANS, HAVING "DROPPED THE BANNER" OF THE ECONOMIC ARGUMENT, NOW CONTEND THAT THE U.S., "ESPECIALLY AFTER THE DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAN, IS LOSING ITS PROMINENCE AS AN ALERT, VIGILANT POLICE FORCE READY TO ACT IN ANY PLACE WHERE THE COUNTRY'S IMAGE AND PRESTIGE MAY SUFFER."

2. - CHINA-VIETNAM CONFLICT. - VIETNAM'S ACCEPTANCE OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA SECOND FOREIGN NEWS WEDNESDAY. PRENSA EDITORIAL STATES "THE INDIFFERENCE WHICH MET BREZHNEV'S PROPOSAL TO THE WEST OF 'SOMETHING LIKE A NON-AGGRESSION PACT' REVEALS IT WAS MERELY OCCASIONAL" AND LACKED SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE. SAYS THE CHINESE DRIVE IN VIETNAM CAUGHT THE SOVIETS OFF BALANCE AND "IN NO POSITION TO SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTEND TO SEVERAL FRONTS" AND CONCLUDES THAT HILY THE SOVIET LEADER'S OFFER WAS ONLY A TEST BALLOON, IT SHOWED THE SOVIET'S WEAK POINT."

3. - HUMAN RIGHTS. - AP STORY IN NACION TUESDAY SAID ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL STATED "HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION HAD DECIDED TO SEND

A DELEGATION TO BUENOS AIRES TO LEARN ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN ARGENTINA." THE DISPATCH ADDED THAT THE BARRISTERN "HAD DECLARED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ARGENTINE LAWYERS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF POLICIAL DISSIDENTS." A MILDRED UPI STORY, AS PUBLISHED BY PRENSA, SAID AJA ESPIL "EXPLAINED TO MEMBERS OF NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT DECISION TO REAFFIRM THE RULE OF LAW." IT CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO PERSONS WHO DISAPPEARED.

PAID AD IN NACION URGES GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES TO "INTENSIFY THE SEARCH" FOR TERESA ALICIA ISRAEL, A LAWYER MEMBER OF THE JURIDICAL COMMITTEE OF THE ARGENTINE LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED TWO YEARS AGO ON MARCH 8, 1977. THE SIGNERS, DR. MARIO ELFFMAN AND DR. MARIO LUIS CHAJET, SAY IF SHE WERE "RETURNED HOME SAFE AND SOUND" IT WOULD "BE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE DESIGNS FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRATIC COEXISTENCE REPEATEDLY EXPOUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT". THEY ALSO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO A MEMORIAL MASS FOR HER AND "ALL THE LAWYERS AND OTHER PERSONS WHO ALSO DISAPPEARED."

RELATIVES OF JULIAN DELGADO SIGN PAID AD IN CLARIN WEDNESDAY WITH PHOTO OF THE MISSING EXECUTIVE OF MERCADO MAGAZINE, SAYING NEITHER HE NOR HIS CAR HAVE BEEN FOUND NINE MONTHS AFTER HE DISAPPEARED AND ASKING READERS TO SUPPLY ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION TO HIS FAMILY OR THE POLICE. WIDE PLAY REPORT THAT JUDGE NORBERTO GILETTA GAVE FIVE-YEAR SENTE

CE TO ADELINO VECHIL, A MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) FOR DISTRIBUTING SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE AND BEING IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS. STORY SAYS THE POLICE FOUND SOME 150 POUNDS OF SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE IN VECHIL'S HOME" AS WELL AS EXPLOSIVES AND BULLETS AND AN AIR FORCE WCO'S CAP."

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PABLO GREMIO IN CORREO DE LA SEMANA SAYS KISSINGER'S CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY FOUND "FAVORABLE REACTION AT GOVERNMENT LEVEL, IN DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY CIRCLES" HERE. "ESPECIALLY," HE POINTED OUT, "IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULT CONTINGENCY THAT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF IAHRC POSED FOR THE ARMED FORCES IN THEIR CAPACITY AS GOVERNMENTAL POWER." SAYS FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES, ASKED BY CORREO DE LA TARDE, "PARTICULARLY CALLED ATTENTION TO KISSINGER'S OBSERVATION THAT 'FREQUENTLY IN MANY OF THE NATIONS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ALTERNATIVE WAS NOT DEMOCRACY BUT GREATER REPRESSION.'"

GREMIO CLAIMS THAT "THERE IS A PERCEPTIBLE IMPROVEMENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION" IN ARGENTINA, "AND "IT IS ALSO EVIDENT THAT RELATIONS WITH THE U. S. IN TERMS OF CARTER'S POLICY HAVE IMPROVED. AN INDICATION IS THE FACT THAT CARTER DID NOT MENTION ARGENTINA WHEN PLAYING SEVERAL COUNTRIES ON THE NEW ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS..."

HE ADDS THAT ALTHOUGH "THE ANTI-SUBVERSION REPRESSION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES" AT PRESENT ACCOUNTS FOR A "LESS EXPLOSIVE" SITUATION, "A WEAK POINT PERSISTS, TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE ARGENTINE IMAGINE --- THE DISAPPEARED PERSONS --- WHICH WILL BE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS TO BE INVESTIGATED BY IAHRC."

4. - ROCKEFELLER'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA. - IN REPORTING THE IMPENDING VISIT OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO ARGENTINA, THE PRESS STRESSED HIS LINKS WITH THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION AND HOPEFULLY ANTICIPATED A RENEWED FLOW OF U. S. INVEST-
MEMTS.

OPINION TUESDAY SAID ROCKEFELLER'S FORTHCOMING ARRIVAL "INSPIRED AN ANALYSIS OF THE PURPOSES". OF THE TRILATERAL AND CONSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED DR. LUIS GARCIA MARTINEZ, SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THERE ARE 'IMPORTANT AFFINITIES' BETWEEN THE MODEL APPLIED IN OUR COUNTRY AND THE IDEOLOGICAL SCHEME OF THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION." NEXT TO IT OPINION SPLASHED A REPRINT FROM PERSPECTIVAS ECONOMICAS: A RICHARD COOPER STORY TITLED "LOS PLANTEOS ECONOMICOS REEMPLAZARAN A LOS DE SEGURIDAD EN LAS PROXIMAS DECADAS." (ORIGINAL TITLE: NUEVO ORDEN MUNDIAL)

RICARDO CAMARA IN CONVICCION SUNDAY OBSERVED THAT DURING ROCKEFELLER VISIT "THE CONSPIRACY THEORY," WHICH HE DEFINED AS "THE TENDENCY TO MAKE THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PHENOMENA IN THIS COUNTRY AND ELSEWHERE" WILL PROBABLY CROP UP.

4. - CENSORSHIP. - NACION TUESDAY REPORTED THE LOCAL CENSORSHIP ORGANIZATION FORBADE THE SCREENING OF THE U. S. FILM "COMING HOME." REASON NOT GIVEN.
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